

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Matthew Ryan Young on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, At a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, The highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Matthew Ryan Young, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, The son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Young, Matt is a student at Bartlett High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, His notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 83, at the Raleigh Presbyterian Church, and then as a member of Troop 255, at the Bartlett United

Methodist Church, has included many merit badges and his distinguished service as a member of the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, As a member of Cub Scout Pack 83, Matthew won first place in the District Pinewood Derby and twice participated in Scouting for Food; he served as Den Chief and then as a Webelos, he earned the Arrow of Light; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Matt won the Pioneer of the Week Award at Camp Cherokee Kia Kima Scout Reservation, and for two subsequent years served as Patrol Leader of summer camp at Kia Kima; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Matt has served several of his fellow scouts as a color guard member at their Eagle Courts of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Matt's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism, as it involved conducting a series of golf clinics for the benefit of the East High School Golf Team; Matt organized and coordinated four weeks of lessons, clinics, and a mini-tournament with the help of his teammates at Bartlett to assist the first year Coach at East High School, Matt's Mother; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Scouting, Matt is active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship; he is also a featured singer in the "Joyful Noise" youth choir. He has participated in the summer mission trip to Appalachia for the past four years and has been selected to reign as King of the annual Christmas Madrigal Dinner at the Bartlett United Methodist Church, where he exemplifies his faith in God as a member; and

WHEREAS, At school, Matt is active in the Student Government Association, where he has served as Vice President, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Impact, Pep Crew, and many other organizations. He is a four-year varsity member of the Golf Team and has been one of the more experienced swimmers on the Varsity Swim Team for four years. Matt sings in the school's Chorus and has been selected to participate in Chorale and Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, Matt's display of aptitude and ambition bodes well for his future success, as he plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall and join its Choral program, majoring in Professional Golf Management and Turf Management in the School of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Matt Young as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor Matthew Ryan Young on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.